

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 24, 1998, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendment and Response.

**CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) In a computer system having a memory, a processor,  
and a network interface, a method comprising the steps of:  
receiving an incoming call signal on said network  
interface;  
processing said incoming call signal to detect an  
intended recipient application using a listen string, said listen  
string containing an application signature; and  
launching said intended recipient application using said  
application signature.

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of  
processing said incoming call signal comprises the steps of:  
parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal  
type[,] and a signal port; and  
determining said intended recipient application based on  
said signal type and said signal port.

1 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of  
2 launching said intended recipient application comprises the steps  
3 of:

4 determining said intended recipient application based on  
5 [said] a signal type and [said] a signal port;  
6 locating said intended recipient application using [an]  
7 said application signature; and  
8 signaling a process manager to launch said intended  
9 recipient application.

1 4. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 steps of:  
3 loading a call processing module into said memory; and  
4 initializing said call processing module to process  
5 calls using said network interface.

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1 5. (Amended) The method of claim [2] 4, wherein said step of  
2 loading said call processing module into said memory comprises the  
3 steps of:  
4 loading a call directing component;  
5 loading a first conference component;  
6 loading a first transport component; and  
7 loading a first network component.

1 6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of  
2 initializing said call processing module comprises the steps of:  
3 initializing said first network component to operate  
4 with said network interface;  
5 initializing said call directing component to monitor  
6 for said incoming call signal;

7 initializing said first transport component to receive  
8 said incoming call signal; and  
9 initializing said first conference component to transfer  
10 said incoming call signal.

1 7. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 steps of:

3 receiving an initialization message from said intended  
4 recipient application; and

5 removing said intended recipient application from an  
6 internal list if said initialization message does not correspond  
7 to an expected message.

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8. (Amended) In a computer system having a memory, a processor,  
2 and a network interface, an apparatus comprising:  
3 a call directing module;  
4 a process manager coupled to said call directing module;  
5 and,  
6 a conferencing component coupled to said network  
Q3 cont. 7 interface[;] and said call directing module;  
8 where said conferencing component containing a circuit  
9 for notifying said call directing module upon receipt of an  
10 incoming call and causing said call director to signal said  
11 process manager to activate a conferencing application based on a  
12 listen string and an application signature.